

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph currently occupying page 9, lines 3-14 with the following new paragraph. In this new paragraph, the words “operating system” have been added twice to the old paragraph as shown below.

In one implementation, if no IP address is obtained, and the user has not entered a static IP address, an NCAT 100 continues the network settings configuration stage 112 by attempting to detect PPPoE concentrators. If these are discovered, the NCAT 100 tries to connect using PPPoE. Thus, an NCAT 100 tries to automatically detect the presence of a PPPoE server if the DHCP protocol fails to obtain an IP address for the device 104. (If a computer using MICROSOFT WINDOWS® XP operating system does not obtain an IP address from a DHCP server, the computing device automatically assigns an internal address of the form (169.xxx.xxx.xxx), but this internal address assigned by WINDOWS® XP operating system does not allow the user to connect to the Internet, nor is there an attempt to find other methods to connect the device.) (Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA)